

## **Public Arts Board \* June 10, 2019 \* 4:00 pm, City Hall**

**In Attendance:** Cheryl Lockstone, Gary Kramer, Erinn Gavaghan, Michael Bendure, Taylor Wagner, Douglas Shaw Elder, Ally Richardson, Lynne Siano and Debby Williams.

**Item 1** – Lockstone called the meeting to order at 4:07.

### **Item 2 – Welcome**

No guests.

### **Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was provided by Elder and seconded by Siano. The minutes were accepted without further discussion.

### **Item 4 – Update of Finances**

The finance report as of June 3, 2019 reflected the following:

- Current balance of \$62,870.94 + utility donations from February – May for a total of \$66,367.74 in available funds.
- Committed funds include \$4,000 for ongoing maintenance in addition to \$20,000 for more bike racks.
- \$66,367.74 in available funds with \$24,000 in committed funds leaves \$42,367.44 net available funds.

### **Item 5 – Current Art Items**

- Bike Rack Fabrication – Gavaghan and Elder reported that the fabricator reviewed the bike rack designs and seven were chosen to be manufactured. The designs for *Rose Rock*, *Bigfoot Takes a Stroll*, and *Diving Ducks* simply proved too complicated and thus were not further considered. As far as previous powder coating issues go, Gavaghan explained that the racks will be fabricated using *one* color [each] so that should help with chipping and overall deterioration/preservation.

### **Item 6 – Percent for Art Projects**

- Central Library – Williams provided the Board with an update regarding the upcoming installation, dedication, and celebration of Paul Cocksedg's "Unbound" at the Central Library. The artist will be in Norman for an Artist's Talk on July 24<sup>th</sup> followed by the dedication and dinner on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Richardson made the motion to approve that \$450 of PAB money be used to fund dinner with the artist on 7/24; Kramer seconded and the motion was approved without further discussion.
- Ruby Grant Park – The selection committee for this project recently met for the first time. Another meeting will be forthcoming with the chief project manager soon.
- East Branch Library – The Summer Solstice Celebration will take place on June 21st; all PAB members are invited to attend. Williams and Gavaghan explained that one, major portion of the celebration actually includes a community art project called "MuseoAeroSolar"—a large-scale piece in which 400 plastic bags are decorated and taped together to eventually take shape and "launch" as it heats up from the sun. The project is multi-faceted in that it involves public art, community and collaboration to raise awareness about environmental issues—like those caused by plastic bags. Plastic bags can be dropped off at Mainsite until they will be taken to The Mercury to be put together.

### **Item 7 – Public Art is Smart**

N/A

### **Item 8 – Public Arts Master Plan**

- SWOT – This meeting will likely take place in July.
- Williams additionally reported that she is working on a "master timeline" for the project. She explained that the metro area cultural/public arts master planning process has currently been put on hold for year which will actually give the PAB/PAMP committees a little bit more flexibility.

### **Item 9 – Board Status Reports**

- PAB Utility Donation Committee – Bendure reported that he met with Gavaghan recently to further discuss the respective roles of the NAC and PAB. He has several good ideas for social media and would like to focus on brand-awareness and consistency. Gavaghan also mentioned that the City's new website will prevent us from soliciting utility donations, but perhaps we can work with Terry Floyd (Development Coordinator for the City of Norman) to further resolve this issue.
- Social Media – Ongoing posts regarding "MuseoAeroSolar" and "Unbound."
- Duck Sculptures – N/A
- Website Development – See "a."

### **Item 10 – New Business**

- A motion to cancel the July PAB meeting was made by Kramer and seconded by Siano; no one opposed since it was determined that most of the board will be out of town anyway.

- Gavaghan explained that she was recently approached by “K” (a local artist) about painting a piece (or multiple) on the back side of Palmer’s mural that is located along the south edge of the Gray Street parking lot. Because the PAB still has no process or guidelines in place for this (which might include considerations such as potential damage, the lifespan of the piece itself, ongoing maintenance, public vs. property regulations, etc.), the PAB deemed that we were unable to *officially* support the project at this time. The board is hopeful that we can work with the City soon on getting some language and contracts in place for future opportunities such as this one. It was stressed that consistency will be most important when it comes time to working with artists on other, future PAB- and *non*-PAB-related projects.

**Adjournment**

Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting; Elder seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Taylor Wagner